



Application No. 09/990,972

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: John E. Auer et al.  
Application No.: 09/990,972  
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Medical Information  
Examiner: Dennis G. Bonshock  
Art Unit: 3374

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary amendment response to the Office Action dated January, 25, 2005 for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending April 25, 2005 was set in which to respond, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that in view of the filing of the Request for Continued Examination and the attached Certificate of Mailing this response is timely.

**Listing/Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.